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The Aruba Fashion Week will break new ground for the Caribbean/Latin region



Minister Oduber signs agreement with Damalice Mansur

During 2010, the Ministry of Tourism and its entities, headed by Minister Otmar Oduber, have been reshaping a number of aspects of the island's tourism product. During a press conference at his offices on Tuesday, August 24, Minister Oduber presented the latest groundbreaking event that is hoped to become another annual tradition to enhance the "Aruban Experience."

The government has approved a proposal by resident fashionistas collaborating with IMG, the world's most diverse media entertainment company, which produces over 20 fashion weeks around the world, to conduct Aruba Fashion Week 2010 during the first week of November.

IMG, which stages the Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, is also one of the largest global cross-media companies, insuring Aruba Fashion Week will be presented well on television, Internet and in thousands of printed publications. This will be their first such production in the Caribbean and Latin region; local producers related that IMG representa-

tives were very excited about the prospect upon scouting the island in May, considering Aruba a "perfect venue" for a distinctive fashion week with a unique character.

Aruba's organizing team, which presented the project, consists of renowned local designer Ronchi de Cuba, Eva Wever, and Damalice Mansur. The three have many years experience in organi-



Minister Oduber with, from left to right, Damalice Mansur, Eva Wever, Jerusha Rasmijn and Ronchi de Cuba.

zing spectacular media events, including the annual Aruba Model Search, as well as international connections in the world of fashion.

Aruba Fashion Week will be four solid days of international and local models walking the runway coupled with exciting activities that attract

celebrities from around the world. It is expected to be well attended and promoted and covered by global press and Minister Oduber expressed it would attract a prosperous tourist market that loves to shop and will be attracted to the many venues on Aruba offering top de- signer goods.

The agreement between the Aruba Fashion Week producers and the government, which is financing the project, was signed during the announcement. Aruba Fashion Week 2010 is tentatively scheduled for November 3 to 6.

By Rosalie Klein



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Commission: 900 abuse allegations against Dutch clergy

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - A Dutch commission set up five months ago to look into suspected sexual abuse by Roman Catholic clergy in the Netherlands said yesterday it has received some 900 reports from alleged victims.

"The 900 reports come mainly from victims but also from relatives of the victims who contacted us," Gert Jan Verhoog, a spokesman for the commission told AFP.

The commission has been preparing for the investigation, which officially opened on Tuesday, since mid-March, when it started receiving the reports of alleged abuse.

Some members of the clergy accused of abuse gave themselves up to the commission, Verhoog said.

The Dutch Religious Conference and the Dutch Bishops' Conference set up the commission on March 9, ordering a "broad, external and independent" investigation following

dozens of alleged abuse cases dating from the 1960s and 1970s.

Verhoog said the commission had received reports dating from 1945 to the present.

The former Dutch minister of education, Wim Deetman, who heads the commission, had said earlier that the formal investigation would probably take a year.

At the same time, a Catholic Church committee

called Hulp & Recht (Support and Right), tasked with collecting reports from alleged victims, has so far received some 1,600 statements, spokesman Ben Spekman told AFP.

The Roman Catholic Church has been rocked by scandals over pedophile priests across Europe, mainly in Austria, Belgium, Ireland and Germany, as well as the United States.

IPI: Honduras must fully investigate journalist killings

VIENNA, Austria (AFP) - Press watchdog IPI called yesterday on the government in Honduras to properly investigate the murders of journalists, after a tenth case was reported this week.

"Honduras has become one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists," International Press Institute (IPI) spokesman Anthony Mills said in a statement.

"It is vital that the authorities fully investigate the killings, so that a culture of impunity is not allowed to

thrive," he urged.

On Tuesday, Israel Zelaya, a journalist who had worked for Honduras' two biggest radio stations and the La Tribuna newspapers, was found shot through the head in a sugar cane field in northwest San Pedro Sula.

He was the tenth journalist murdered in the Central American nation this year, officials said.

Only Mexico is as deadly this year for journalists, with 10 killed there since January, according to IPI.

Britain's Branson abandons cross-Channel kitesurf bid

LONDON, England (AFP) - British tycoon adventurer Richard Branson was forced to abandon a second attempt to kitesurf across the England Channel yesterday, but he vowed to try again within weeks.

Rough seas and high winds scuppered the entrepreneur's first attempt on Tuesday by forcing the support boats to turn back after five miles (eight kilometres), but he had the opposite problem yesterday.

"The guys have been trying to catch the wind all day, and it

just wasn't happening. There wasn't enough," Branson's spokesman said.

Accompanied by a team of kitesurfers including his children Holly and Sam, Branson had hoped to make the 24.4-mile (39-kilometre) trip to the French port of Boulogne. They made several attempts to get the kites in the air, but after more than three hours they called it a day.

He said there would be no more attempts "in the immediate future," but Branson suggested they may try again within weeks.

EU expresses concern over Roma expulsions in France

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - The European Union's top justice official expressed concern yesterday over France's expulsion of Roma and said her office was reviewing whether the crackdown complied with EU law.

France has come under criticism at home and abroad over its expulsion of hundreds of Roma from eastern Europe in recent days, but has insisted that it was respecting EU laws.

"I have been following with great attention and some concern the developments over the past days in France as well as the debate sparked in several other (EU) Member States," said EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding.

Reding acknowledged that it was the sole responsibility of EU nations to ensure public order on their territories, but she said she expected all member states to respect EU rules on free movement.

"It is clear that those who break the law need to face the consequences. It is equally clear that nobody should face

Susan Boyle says singing for Pope is "dream come true"

LONDON, England - Scottish singing sensation Susan Boyle said yesterday that performing for Pope Benedict during his visit to Britain next month was "her greatest dream come true."

Boyle, 49, who became an unlikely world superstar after appearing on the TV show "Britain's Got Talent" last year, will sing three times when the Pope holds a public mass in Glasgow on September 16, the Scottish Catholic Church said in a statement.

One of the songs will be her signature song "I Dreamed a

expulsion just for being Roma," she said.

"I have therefore asked my services to fully analyse the situation in France, in particular whether all measures taken fully comply with EU law," Reding said.

Her spokesman said the findings would be released next week.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy, citing concerns about crime, has ordered police to step up deportations of Roma from eastern Europe and to dismantle unauthorised Gypsy camps.

Since July 28, the French authorities have returned 681 people back to Romania and Bulgaria, two countries that joined the EU in 2007, in a crackdown that has drawn fire from the left and right as well as the Vatican.

Under an arrangement to protect the labour market that expires in December 2013, France can expel Romanians and Bulgarians after three months in the country if they cannot show they have the financial means to stay.

Dream" from "Les Misérables". She will also sing the hymn "How Great Thou Art" and sing a farewell song to Pope Benedict as he leaves the Glasgow public mass for London, to continue his four-day visit.

Boyle, who has never married and once joked she had never been kissed, is a former church worker and a Catholic who used to sing in her local church choir.

She said she had been approached to sing at the papal mass by Cardinal Keith O'Brien, the president of Scottish bishops' conference.

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Record high tax revenue in June

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin for June 2010

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Monthly Bulletin of June that there was a record high tax revenue of Afl. 335.6 million because of an incidental receipt of Afl. 259.9 million following the tax agreement between the government and Valero Aruba Refinery.

When compared to the same month of 2009, the increase in total tax revenue amounted to Afl. 251.5 million (299.0 percent). Excluding this incidental receipt, total tax revenue equaled Afl. 75.7 million, which is an increase of Afl. 6.5 million or 9.4 percent compared to a year earlier. Turnover tax revenue (BBO) fell by Afl. 4.6 million (44.2 percent) mainly due to the

downward adjustment in the turnover tax rate from 3 percent to 1.5 percent as of January 1, 2010. In the first half of 2010, total tax revenue (excluding the one-off revenues from Valero) fell by Afl. 46.4 million (10.4 percent). Turnover tax revenue dropped by Afl. 33.0 million or 41.9 percent. The proceeds from the foreign exchange tax grew by Afl. 2.7 million while all other tax categories recorded declines.

The money supply in June 2010 went down by Afl. 55.6 million to Afl. 3,239.0 million. This contraction was caused by an Afl. 80.6 million drop in net domestic assets, partially mitigated by an Afl. 25.0 million rise in the net foreign assets (excluding revaluation

differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings). The decrease in the net domestic assets was largely the result of a marked rise (Afl. 219.1 million) in government's deposits (due to the aforementioned incidental receipt from Valero), partially offset by a net purchase of government bonds by the banking sector.

The number of stay-over visitors for June 2010 shrank by 4.6 percent compared to the same month a year earlier. There was a fall in the number of visitors from the United States, the Netherlands and Venezuela. The decrease in the US and Dutch markets were

minor (2.9 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively), while the Venezuelan market fell by 33.6 percent representing 2,479 visitors. It appears that the struggling Venezuelan economy and the exchange restrictions are still heavily affecting the Venezuelan market. In the first half of 2010, the number of stay-over visitors improved (2.5 percent) compared to 2009 (-4.8 percent). Furthermore, there was also a slight growth in the nominal tourism receipts (1.1 percent). In contrast, the number of cruise passengers visiting Aruba decreased by 7.3 percent compared to the first half of 2009.

Successful meeting of the Inter-Parliamentarian Conference on Mining and Energy Latin America

ORANJESTAD -- Last week, Aruba was represented at the Inter-Parliamentarian Conference on Mining and Energy Latin America, by Ing. Donny Rasmijn, who attended a meeting in Vera Cruz, Mexico. The most important topics of the meeting were mines, alternative energy and the direction all member countries must take to confront the problem of energy.

Although Aruba has no mines in operation, still it is important to know about the problems of Latin countries in this economic sector. For example, Chile, who has a big potential, is confronted with social and environmental problems caused by mines exploitation in rural areas.

In the field of alternative energy, there were presentations by an Italian and Brazilian professor. The Mayor of Vera Cruz also gave an explanation on his government plans for Vera Cruz. On the last day of the meetings the committee visited the only thermal nuclear thermal plant in Mex-



Donny Rasmijn

ico, in Vera Cruz, which operates with a capacity of 675 MW.

The meeting was a complete success with lots of information on energy management. Mr. Donny Rasmijn informed his Latin colleagues Aruba's intention to become a model in the field of alternative energy and about the Green Energy Conference which will be held on Aruba from September 29 to October 1.

In the following days Mr. Rasmijn will give further information regarding this meeting and his point of view on the general energy management.

Interesting presentation on how to read the mind and its impact on us

EPB teachers learn hypnotherapy and how to apply it

For the new school year the EPB, Basic Progressive Education school, has big challenges and to achieve them the school needs positive and constructive attitudes. This is why this year's meeting for the teachers was a little bit different. Management of EPB invited Mr. Eddy Oduber, a certified hypnotherapist, to give a lecture on the mind and its functions.

Hypnotherapy is a therapy that is undertaken with a subject in hypnosis. It is often applied in order to modify a subject's behavior, emotional content, and attitudes, as well as a wide range of conditions including dysfunctional habits, anxiety, stress-related illness, pain management, and personal development.

The way we think, our wishes, our feelings, superstitions and strange beliefs most of the time limitate us and hinder our progress, restricting our success and happiness. The lecture is to help us understand why it is so and what we can do to change this.

During the lecture Mr. Oduber gave ample explanations on the conscious and subconscious mind and their function, and how they make us think in certain way.

He also explained what a habit is and what we can do to change bad habits. He finished explaining how our mind create dilemmas, concerns and thoughts that restrict us and how to make changes in our lives.

The lecture took place in a very positive and entertaining



environment which culminated with the presence of Bambino El Adivino, who predicted the future of those present in a very formidable way.

In the beginning, those attending the lecture did not know what to expect, but afterwards they were very pleased and surprised with the information received. The reaction was very positive, with attendees commenting "the information was tremendous, both the contents, as well as the presentation. It makes us become more conscious of certain things. This information can be used at work, at home, in our social life, but also in the classroom."

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teachers received homework.

Eddy Oduber is the director of Aruba Hypnosis Center N.V. and has various international certifications, among others from England and the U.S.A. His specializes in helping people quit smoking through hypnosis. During his certification training to become a hypnotherapist he received to a lot of interesting information on how to help others make big changes in their lives.

He shares that information by giving lectures and seminars on a regular basis.

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Ateliers '89 with two new workshops



Moritz Ebinger working with kids

Ateliers '89 is starting a new season of workshops on September 8th 2010. "We are getting off to a good start with two workshops in the month of September," said spokesperson Elvis Lopez.

Atelier '89 has invited two artists for this; Ryan Oduber and Moritz Ebinger.

Ryan Oduber is a well known Aruban artist. After getting his Master degree in the Netherlands, he returned to Aruba a couple of years back to share his acquired knowledge.

This time he will give a video workshop, in which he will go back to the origin of filming; the black and white "dumb" movie (without sound). The participants will make such a video themselves, without sound, so that they'll have more attention for the images.

Moritz Ebinger, a renowned artist from Austria, has been on

Aruba before. This time he will give a course in drawing.

It's the intention that the participants draw together during the whole workshop, in all facets. Ebinger has come up with a few smaller projects to work out during the workshop. This will vary from making a joint wall painting to drawing a personal letter.

During the lessons Moritz will tell stories about the practical side and art history regarding to drawing as a form of art.

Both teachers will also give a lecture about their own work.

The workshops will close off by an exposition at the Exposition Rooms of Ateliers '89.

Enrolling is possible as of today. Please state clearly which workshop you choose: Video by Ryan Oduber or Drawing by Moritz Ebinger

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EB takes a vacation - NOT!

by Kristin Nugent

Kristin Nugent is 22 yr. old girl who suffers with Epidermolysis Bullosa.

Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) is an inherited connective tissue disease causing blisters in the skin and mucosal membranes, with an incidence of 1/50,000. Its severity ranges from mild to lethal. It is caused by a mutation in the keratin or collagen gene. As a result, the skin is extremely fragile. Minor mechanical friction or trauma will separate the layers of the skin and form blisters. People with this condition have an increased risk of cancers of the skin, and many will eventually be diagnosed with it as a complication of the chronic damage done to the skin.

Every year for the past seven years Kristin and her family have been vacationing on Aruba. They stay at Casa Del Mar and the Aruba Phoenix Beach Villas each year. There are too many reasons to list for why they return to this beautiful island; it has become their home away from home.

Here follows an article that Kristin wrote about her visits to Aruba.

Recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa does not have to render you a prisoner in your own home! My family and I have been vacationing in the Caribbean for the past few years, choosing to live life to the fullest and not allow this debilitating disease to dictate our happiness. Gentle island breezes, crystal clear, calm, inviting waters and fine sand that gently exfoliates my severely dry skin lift my spirits and cleanses the stubborn wounds that have lingered for years, refusing to heal.

The key is successful planning. Lengthy lists of



medical necessities and bandages strategically packed (in case the luggage is lost), never losing sight of the fact that EB does not take a vacation. We arrive at the airport armed with letters of medical necessity for the sharps and liquid prescription pain medications. Although, the security check at the airport is time consuming, having my wheelchair swabbed for chemical agents is a small price to pay for the paradise that awaits.

At the outset, the warm temperatures do cause some blistering so we apply sunscreen frequently and I stay out of the direct sun in the heat of the day. Late afternoon is the best time to lazily float around in the Caribbean in my mesh chair. I sit back and soak my wounds in the warm salty water as the fine sand gently works its magic. Did I forget to mention that it burns like a five alarm fire when I first get in? No pain, no gain right? The salt water seems to have antibacterial qualities as it cleanses the wounds, softening scabs and allowing new skin cells to travel quickly across the wounds. The best way to describe the process is to com-

pare a tiny ant crossing a mirrored surface versus walking over sand. It takes longer for the ant (or in this case skin cells) to travel across rocky terrain like sand (scabby borders) than it does over a clean, smooth surface. Water is wonderful for wound healing!

After an hour or so long soak watching the sun go down, I am whisked away by my mom and dad in what can only be described as a well-orchestrated maneuver that rivals the methods of highly trained triage personnel. Thanks to careful preparation, the time it takes for the full body unraveling and subsequent bandaging flies as my mom works on the right side of my body and my dad takes care of the right. Fellow sufferers will attest to the incredible feeling of CLEAN once the daily bandaging ritual is complete. Nothing says comfort more than freshly applied bandages!

I guess my message is pretty clear. Do not let EB dictate your life and imprison you. Careful planning and an appreciation for the small moments in life are key to a magical experience that you and your family so richly deserve.

Frank becomes a hurricane in Pacific, veers away from Mexico

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - Tropical Storm Frank strengthened into the third Pacific hurricane in the 2010 season yesterday, veering west after soaking Mexico's southern Pacific coast, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center reported.

Hurricane Frank packed maximum sustained winds of 75 miles (120 kilometers) per hour, making it a Category One hurricane on the five-level Saffir-Simpson hurricane wind scale, the NHC said.

Frank was located south of Manzanillo, Mexico, and was

moving in a west-northwesterly direction at 10 miles (17 kilometers) per hour, the NHC reported. On its current trajectory Frank is not expected to make landfall, though it will pass near tiny Socorro Island tomorrow.

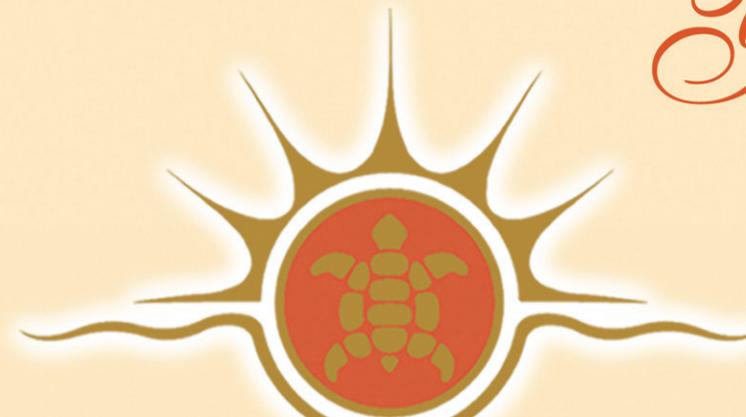
Heavy rain from Frank on Tuesday flooded homes, triggered landslides and damaged roads and bridges in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, affecting more than 100 towns, local officials said.

Authorities evacuated at least 3,000 people in Oaxaca, and several thousand more in

the neighboring state of Veracruz, where rivers burst their banks.

Separately, Hurricane Danielle -- the second hurricane of the 2010 Atlantic season -- churned far out over the ocean yesterday with winds reaching sustained speeds of 85 miles (140 kilometers) per hour, the NHC said at 1500 GMT.

Danielle is expected to slow its movement but could strengthen in the next 48 hours, the NHC said. There were no current threats to land, it added.



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how demanding the service business can be. This is our small way of letting fellow bartenders, servers, concierge, kitchen workers, etc that they are appreciated. Let us serve them for a change.”

Busters will be kicking off the weekly event on Monday September 6 from 6 to 8 p.m., and again from 10 p.m. to midnight with a complimentary buffet, beer, wine, mixed house drinks, and music by

their house DJ, cool FM's 101.

All hospitality employees are welcome. Bring a valid employee ID, or ID and a business card showing you are InThe Biz for complimentary admission and receive a personal VIP Card good for future Monday after work “In The Biz” happy hours. VIP Card entitles cardholder and up to 3 guests complimentary admissions, snacks, drink prices reduced from \$\$\$ to AFL, drink



and shot specials.

Busters does not stop there. Thursday September 9th, from 9 to 11 p.m. there will be a kick off VIP party for “Student Night”

Students 18 years and older must show a valid student ID for free admission and personal VIP Card. The kickoff party starts at 9 p.m. with snacks, reduced drink prices, shot specials, beer pong, and music. The party will continue every Thursday from 9 p.m. until closing hours.

Other upcoming Busters events include: “Yes We Can”

food drop off 1st Friday of the month. Drop off non perishable or canned food for the Aruba Food Pantry and receive a complimentary draft beer, wine, or soda.

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NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (2010) (COMEDY) - IN THE LATEST INSTALLMENT, NANNY MCPHEE APPEARS AT THE DOOR OF A HARRIED YOUNG MOTHER, MRS. ISABEL GREEN, WHO IS TRYING TO RUN THE FAMILY FARM WHILE HER HUSBAND IS AWAY AT WAR. BUT ONCE SHE'S ARRIVED, NANNY MCPHEE DISCOVERS THAT MRS. GREEN'S CHILDREN ARE FIGHTING A WAR OF THEIR OWN AGAINST TWO SPOILED CITY COUSINS WHO HAVE JUST MOVED IN AND REFUSE TO LEAVE. RELYING ON EVERYTHING FROM A FLYING MOTORCYCLE AND A STATUE THAT COMES TO LIFE TO A TREE-CLIMBING PIGLET AND A BABY ELEPHANT WHO TURNS UP IN THE ODDEST PLACES, NANNY MCPHEE USES HER MAGIC TO TEACH HER MISCHIEVOUS CHARGES FIVE NEW LESSONS.

Science/Tech

IBM describes fastest microprocessor ever

PALO ALTO--IBM revealed more details of its 5.2-GHz chip on Tuesday, the fastest microprocessor ever announced. Don't bet that you'll ever be able to buy it, though.

At the Hot Chips 2010 conference here, IBM executives described the z196, which will power its Z-series of mainframes, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not over a million. IBM will ship the chip in September, said Brian Curran, an IBM distinguished engineer. The mainframe itself was announced in July.

IBM also previously claimed the title of fastest microprocessor with the POWER6 chip, which ran at speeds of up to 4.6 to 4.7 GHz, and its own z10, a 2008 chip which ran at speeds of up to 4.4 GHz. For its part, Curran claimed that the z196 only

IBM defines the z196 as one of the few remaining CISC chips, which allows for bulky, large programs that can require much more memory to execute in than RISC chips, including the PowerPC and ARM embedded processors, among others.

The z196 contains 1.4 billion transistors on 512 sq-mm chip fabricated on 45-nm PD SOI technology. It contains a 64 Kbyte level-1 instruction cache, a 128-Kbyte L1 data cache, a 1.5-Mbyte private L2 cache per core, plus a pair of co-processors used for cryptographic operations.

In a 4-node system, 19.5 Mbytes of SRAM are used for L1 private cache, 144 MB for L2 private cache, 576 MB of eDRAM for L3 cache, and a whopping 768 MB of eDRAM for a level-4 cache. All this is used to ensure that the processor finds and executes its instructions before searching for them in main memory, a task which can force the system to essentially wait for the data to be found - dramatically slowing a system that is designed to be as fast as possible.

The chip uses 1079 different instructions, Curran said. Of these, 75 can be used by millicode only, with 219 executable by millicode; an additional 24 instructions are conditionally executed by millicode. (Millicode is an internal term used at IBM for instructions internally executed by the processor, slightly bulkier than the "microcode" used by other chips.)

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Lab-grown corneas restore sight in some patients

Cornea implants grown in the lab can restore vision to the blind, according to early clinical trial results released today.

The trial, which took place in Sweden, consisted of 10 adults with blindness from disease or damage to the cornea, the transparent outer covering of the eye. During a two-year follow-up period, six of the 10 patients who received the implant saw their vision improve. In all cases, the body accepted the new cornea implant, repopulating it with living cells and nerve fibers.

"This study is important because it is the first to show that an artificially fabricated cornea can integrate with the human eye and stimulate regeneration," senior researcher Dr. May Griffith, of the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, the University of Ottawa and Linköping University in Sweden, said in a statement.

"With further research, this approach could help restore sight to millions of people who are waiting for a donated human cornea for transplantation."

Sight for scarred eyes

Corneal disease and damage are among the leading causes of blindness worldwide. More than 40,000 corneal transplants occur each year in the United States, according to the Eye Bank Association of America.

However, there is a worldwide shortage of donated human corneas. Current synthetic cornea replacements carry a high risk of complications and are only approved for use after multiple human-tissue transplants have failed.

The new corneal implant is "biosynthetic," meaning it is created by a living organism, in this case, yeast. To make the implant, researchers at the San Francisco-based company Fibrogen Inc. genetically engineered yeast to produce collagen, the protein that makes up much of the cornea. The research team

then molded the collagen into a contact-lens shape and surgically implanted it in one eye of each of 10 volunteers, who had either advanced keratoconus (a bulging of the cornea) or central corneal scarring. Once implanted, the collagen acted as a scaffold for the eye's own cells. Like vines on a trellis, the cells began to grow on the collagen matrix, essentially recreating the cornea.

Over a two-year follow-up period, the cells completely populated the corneal implant, the researchers report today in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*. The tissue became sensitive to touch and was covered with a thin film of protective tears, just like a healthy cornea. Because their new corneas were populated with their own cells, the patients didn't have to take immune-suppressing drugs to prevent rejection like most organ recipients.

While six patients showed improved vision, two others saw no change and two had their vision get worse. After surgery, the patients averaged 20/110 vision with glasses. Roughly, that means they had to stand at a distance of 20 feet (6 meters) to read something that someone with normal, 20/20 vision would be able to read at 110 feet (36 meters).

Those numbers couldn't compete with the average eyesight of recipients of human cornea implants, which is 20/43. However, when the patients in the trial wore rigid contact lenses, their vision improved to 20/42, effectively matching the human-cornea results.

The corneal implants still have years of testing ahead before they become widely available. Larger patient populations and longer-term studies are necessary to be sure that the implant is safe and that it works. Nonetheless, the researchers say they are optimistic about the implant.

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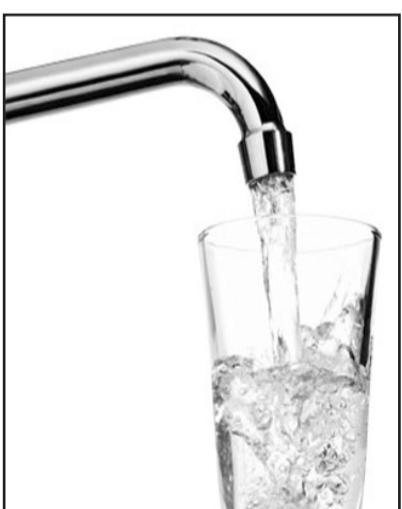
Trying to lose weight? drink more water

Forget diet pills and cleanses. A new study suggests that an effective weight-loss aid is available straight from your kitchen sink.

Drinking two 8-ounce glasses of water before breakfast, lunch, and dinner while also cutting back on portions may help you lose weight and keep it off for at least a year, according to research presented today at the annual meeting of the American Chemical Society, in Boston.

"As part of a prudent, low-calorie weight-loss diet, adding water may help with weight-loss success," says Brenda Davy, PhD, the lead author of the study and an associate professor of nutrition at Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg.

Dietitians have long recommended drinking water as a way to shed pounds, but little research has been done to confirm this conventional wisdom, the researchers say. Though small, Davy's study is the first randomized controlled trial to examine the



benefits of "preloading" with water before meals.

The study included 48 overweight or obese men and women between the ages of 55 and 75 who were on a low-calorie diet (1,200 calories per day for women and 1,500 calories per day for men). Half of the people were instructed to drink 16 ounces of water—the amount in a small bottle of spring water—before meals.

After three months, the

participants who drank water had lost an average of about 15.5 pounds, compared to just 11 pounds in the control group, according to the study, the first results of which were published earlier this year in the journal *Obesity*.

And the weight loss appears to be lasting, new data suggests. After a full year of the same regimen, the water drinkers had slimmed down by an additional 1.5 pounds, on average, while those who didn't load up on water before meals gained about 2 pounds, Davy says. (Unlike the data published in *Obesity*, the findings presented today have not been thoroughly vetted by other experts in the field, as is required by most medical journals.)

Davy and her colleagues aren't sure why drinking water before meals encourages weight loss, but the main reason appears to be that it helps fill your stomach, making you less hungry and less likely to overeat.

Obama to appeal stem cell ruling

U.S. scientists reacted with dismay to Monday's decision by a U.S. judge to halt any expansion of stem cell research using federal funds.

The temporary injunction, which basically blindsided the scientific community, effectively takes embryonic stem cell research back to the pre-2001 days. That was when then-President George W. Bush ordered that federal monies could only be used to fund research involving embryonic stem cell lines created before 2001.

Late Tuesday, however, the Obama administration, which had issued an executive order overturning the Bush order, said the Justice Department later this week would appeal the judge's order.

Deputy Press Secretary Bill Burton said President Barack Obama still thinks his policy is the right one, and believes it can lead to lifesaving treatments while maintaining "stringent ethical guidelines."

In the scientific community, stem cell experts said the

judge's ruling will cripple this area of research.

"It's a worst-case scenario," said Susan Solomon, CEO of the New York Stem Cell Foundation, which operates with private funds. "It actually takes [us] even further back than during the Bush lines, because at least then you could work on so-called approved Bush lines. But now you can't work on anything. It's unwieldy. It's unworkable, and we believe it will be reversed."

Solomon also said that the court decision "allows a vocal minority to hold science hostage to a narrow political agenda."

"It's an enormous impact, and it hurts more now trying to stop the additional research that's been going on [since the Obama order]," said Paul Sanberg, a stem cell expert and director of the University of South Florida Center for Aging and Brain Repair in Tampa.

"Fortunately," he added, "there's still a lot of research on non-embryonic stem cells that is showing a lot of promise and going into clinical trials."

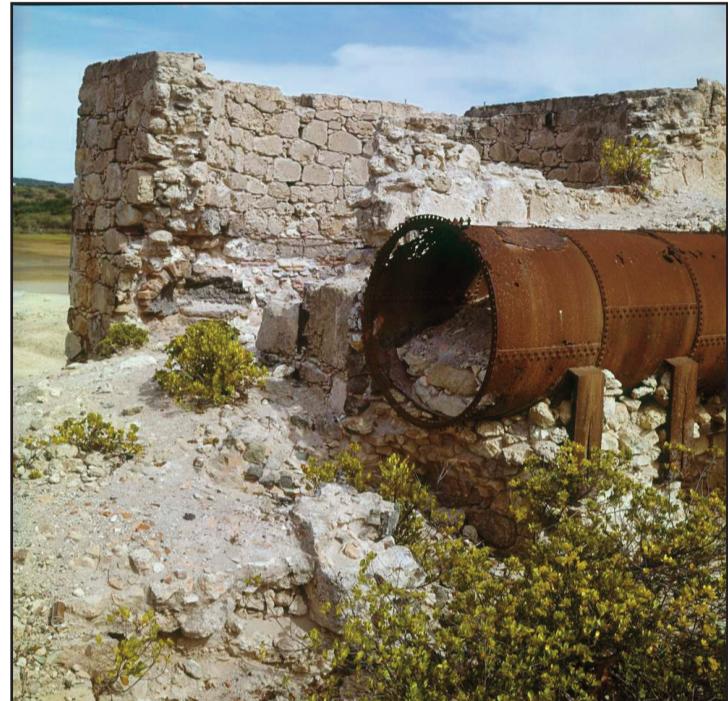
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View of the Spaan Lagoen



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas (Frenchman's Pas)



Boca grande kitespot in San nicolas

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, on the west coast, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is a small bay within the two km long and up to five hundred meters wide. By the tidal force has created a special ecosystem: a wetlands (wetlands). Wetlands are areas and between rural areas and wetlands have high biodiversity. Therefore, the inner bay of great importance for waterfowl and is also an important nursery for reef fish and crustaceans.

The Spaans Lagoen area flows into **Savaneta** is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the

oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recaptured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean to work in the Lago oil refinery.

San Nicolas was named after a man who owned of a

big piece of land there. This man was named Nicolaas van der Biest. In the early days owners of big piece of land are addressed by "Shon" with the first name after. So the people used to call him Shon Nicolaas. That later turned into San Nicolas. Some stories indicate that the Spanish influence had something to do with this.

Following east you will find **Seroe Colorado**. Seroe Colorado translates to "colorful hill." The name of the place refers to the 30 meters high of pure limestone at the endpoint in the east of Aruba. The hill got its name due to the brown yellowish color of the limestone.



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Get us out of underground 'hell,' Chile miners plead



Chile's Health Minister Jaime Manalich points to a canister containing a special food that will be sent to the 33 miners trapped underground.

COPIAPO, Chile (AFP) — Chile's trapped miners say they are enduring "hell" underground, putting urgency into a rescue operation that is about to start but could drag on for months before providing salvation.

The 33 men, living in unimaginable conditions deep below ground for 20 days, pleaded with President Sebastian Pinera late Tuesday to save them, in an exchange over an intercom line dropped through a narrow drill hole.

Group leader Luis Urzua said that all the miners were in good condition physically and had high hopes of rescue after finally being located last Sunday by a probe attached to the end of a drill bit.

Entombed for nearly three weeks 700 meters (2,300 feet) deep in a mine that collapsed

in northern Chile August 5, the men had survived on meager rations and trickles of water.

They were holed up in a reinforced shelter roughly the size of a living room, and were able to roam a lengthy tunnel.

Although the drill hole was now providing them with sustenance and water, and a line of communication to waiting families, officials were worried how they would hold up once they knew they would be prisoners of the earth for perhaps the rest of the year.

That despairing news was being withheld from the miners out of concern for their mental health.

In the meantime, preparations were being made to start a hydraulic bore that would grind a shaft down to the miners big enough to eventually extract them one by one.

Military: Troops find 72 bodies on Mexican ranch

MEXICO CITY Mexico (AFP) — Troops uncovered at least 72 bodies, including those of 14 women, on a ranch in northeastern Mexico after a clash with gunmen, the Mexican military said yesterday.

The gruesome find came after a shootout between troops and suspected drug traffickers near the town of San Fernando, in Tamaulipas state, in which one member of the military and three gunmen were killed, according to the Mexican Navy.

Tamaulipas, which borders the southern US state of Texas, is the scene of brutal confrontations between the Gulf drug cartel and its former allies, the Zetas, as they fight for control of lucrative smuggling routes into the United States.

The navy said "the lifeless bodies of 72 people were found" after the military went to the ranch when a man suffering from gunshot wounds approached a nearby military checkpoint and said he had



View of weapons seized to drugs traffickers before being destroyed.

been attacked on the ranch by members of a drug gang.

The operation, which included military air support, netted one "underage suspect," but the rest of the gunmen who were not killed managed to escape.

The military seized 21 rifles, about 6,600 rounds of ammunition, and four trucks including one bearing Ministry

of Defense markings, the navy said.

Mass graves have been turning up with increasing frequency in Mexico's drug war, which has claimed the lives of an estimated 28,000 people since 2006 despite a military show of force in Mexican cities by the government of President Felipe Calderon.

Colombia issues red alert after volcano eruption

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) — Colombian officials yesterday raised the alert on the Galeras volcano to "red," the highest level, and ordered the evacuation of 8,000 people after it began spewing smoke and ash.

The small eruption, which was not an explosion, occurred at 4:00 a.m., officials said.

Martha Calvache, under director of the state geological service, said the volcano is "emitting ash, and lava has been detected in the crater."

"The volcano is in a very unstable phase," she said.

"There hasn't been a major eruption or quakes, but in no way can you think that nothing is happening."

The Galeras volcano, situated in Narino province near Colombia's southern border with Ecuador, is the country's most active volcano, with a half dozen eruptions over the past two years.

Officials from Colombia's Institute of Geology and Mining (Ingeominas) say the once-dormant volcano reactivated in 2004.

Galeras erupted in November 2009 leading authorities to evacuate about a thousand people although no one was hurt. Most recently, the mountain rumbled back to life briefly last January.

A 1993 eruption of Galeras, which rises in the Andes



A family observes the Galeras volcano from a shelter in El Rosal, outskirts of Pasto, Narino department.

mountain chain to an altitude of more than 4,000 meters (some 14,000 feet), killed nine

people, including six scientists who had descended its crater to take gas samples.



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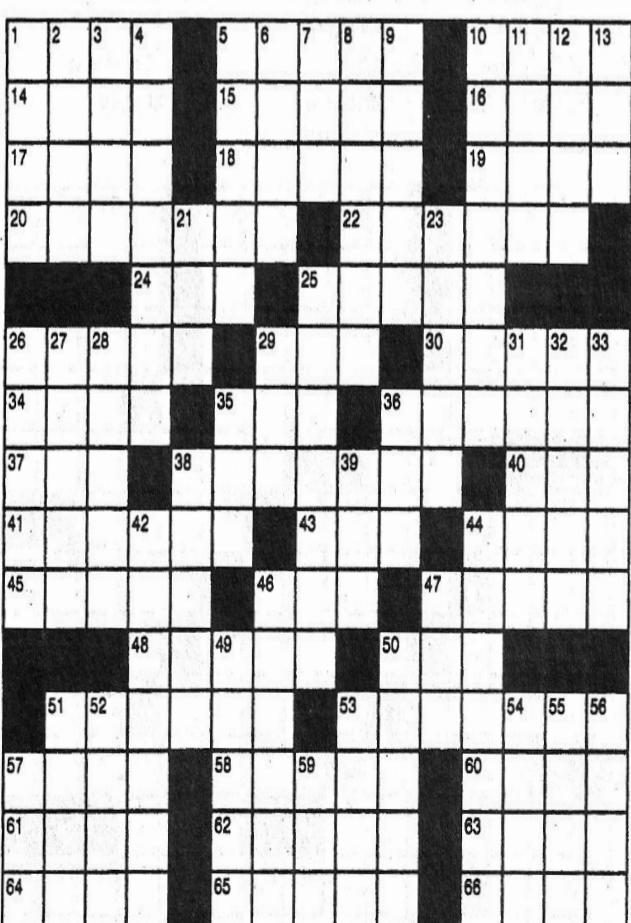
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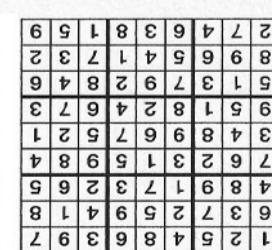
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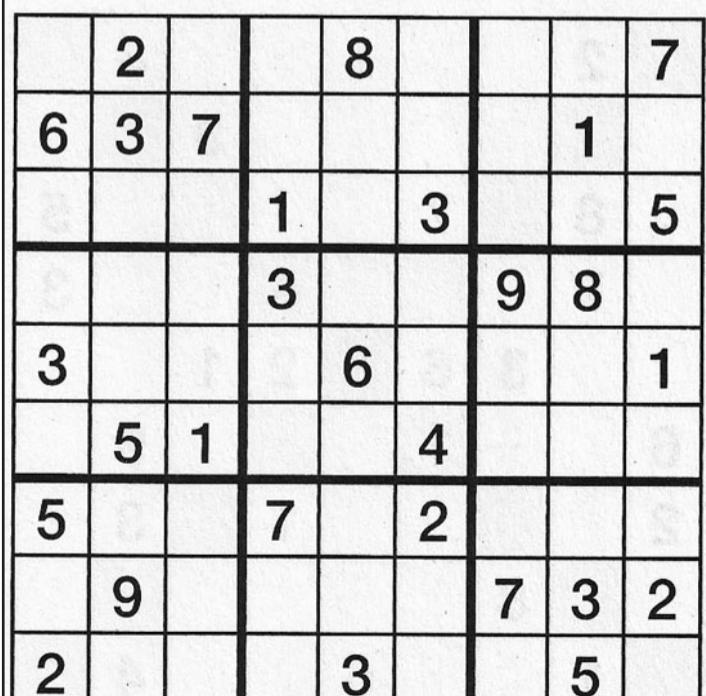


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by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude. In the last tip, we talked about Wayne's catering business.

Let's now go over the other complimentary business that Wayne has created.

Every one of you reading this have complementary businesses you can create.

I can hear you attorneys and accountants saying, no way.

Well let's talk about that. What kind of complementary business can you have?

You can work out joint ven-

tures with other businesses, and endorse your customers to those businesses.

Enough said.

Let's get back to Wayne.

The other business Wayne has is a gift basket business.

Wayne could go international with this if he wanted to.

He could create a free report like, you guessed it, "Free report Reveals the five questions you should ask when you order a Gift Basket, that they don't want you to ask."

But, let me digress here a minute and discuss something else that to me is of paramount importance to any business or practice.

Wayne is in a very unique situation, in that existing customers purchase gift baskets for Wayne to ship all over the United States.

Not only does Wayne have a database of the customers who currently order these baskets, but now he also has PURE GOLD.

The customer that he is shipping the Gift Basket to, with a little bit of massaging and creative marketing, can also become one of Wayne's customers.

How could he accomplish this?

One way is to put a flyer in each basket that is ordered, showing some samples of the different types of gift baskets he can create. He can also include a 25% discount coupon for the first order.

But let's take it one step further.

Wayne could also include a letter.

This letter can read something like:

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I know that you both order gift baskets for other people, so I'm enclosing a 25% discount coupon for you to use when you order your next gift basket.

Since we have customers throughout the United States you never have to worry about shipping.

I'm sure that you will agree with Phil, that my gift baskets are very unique.

Since there are many inferior gift basket providers, I'm also enclosing a report I created, "The Five Questions you need to ask when you order Gift Baskets." I know you'll find it very interesting reading.

I look forward to having you as a first time customer and I will personally guarantee your gift basket, whenever you order it.

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Wayne

P.S. I know you will enjoy the (describe one or two of the items in the Gift Basket, in a mouth watering description).

First of all, what does Wayne have to lose by sending the above with each order? Absolutely nothing.

But his gain will be more and more new customers.

And what's his expense?
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Well, that's the end of this series on money-making free reports. Go out and produce some reports and get more customers calling, buying and begging you for more.

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dant rain in August," DBV president Klaus Kliem said.

The harvest in 2010 was 4.5 percent lower than the average over the period 2005 to 2009, the federation added.

German farmers harvested 43.9 million tons of grain in 2010, compared to 49.7 million tons the previous year.

Grain prices have climbed on commodities markets recently owing to record drought and wild fires in Russia which recently announced a ban on all exports for the rest of this year to protect its home market.

European stocks close lower

LONDON, England (AFP) - European stock markets extended losses yesterday after another set of bad US data added to growing fears the US economy risks falling back into recession.

Dealers said investors were increasingly nervous as US statistics go in one direction -- much slower growth which could undercut the global recovery despite the strong lead shown by China and Asia as a whole, alongside Germany in Europe.

"Once again markets are in negative territory -- jittery over prospects for further recovery and particularly nervous on prospects for resumption of 'real' growth any time soon," said Howard Wheeldon, senior strategist at BGC Brokers.

In London, the FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed down 0.90 percent at 5,109.40 points. In Paris, the CAC 40 lost 1.17 percent to 3,450.19 points and in Frankfurt the DAX shed 0.61 percent at 5,899.50 points.

Dealers said the markets

were focused on the US economy and discounted news the closely watched Ifo climate index of German business confidence hit 106.7 points in August from 106.2 points in July -- the highest level since June 2007.

Instead, investors were worrying about revised US second quarter growth figures due tomorrow, expected to come in much lower at 1.4 percent compared with the preliminary figure of 2.4 percent, they said.

Such concerns were made much worse by figures yesterday showing US new home sales in July plunging 12.4 percent from June to the lowest level since 1963, wrong-footing analyst forecasts for a solid gain.

US July durable goods orders increased only 0.3 percent, also well short of estimates and painting a picture of weakening demand which will do nothing to create the jobs needed to keep the economy on track.

In New York, after losing

1.32 percent on Tuesday the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 0.24 percent, coming off early lows which saw the index dip below the psychologically sensitive 10,000-points level.

Elsewhere in Europe, Amsterdam fell 0.53 percent, Brussels shed 0.49 percent, Madrid lost 1.57 percent, Milan fell 1.17 percent and Swiss stocks were off 0.74 percent.

In contrast to stocks, bond markets continued to attract money as investors sought out their relative safety, even if the returns are at record lows.

In Asian trade earlier yesterday, Tokyo tumbled 1.66 percent to its lowest close since April 30, 2009. Continued concerns over the strong yen and the Japanese government's apparent unwillingness to do anything about it added to nerves as investors feared key exporters will suffer as a result.

Hong Kong slipped 0.11 percent but Shanghai fell a sharp 2.03 percent. Sydney was off 1.40 percent.

How to write attention-grabbing, money making free reports -part 5-

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BERLIN, Germany (AFP) - Harvests in Germany, Europe's second largest producer of grain, are down sharply, an industry group said yesterday, adding to pressure on prices after Russia banned exports due to drought.

The grain harvest was down 11.8 percent compared to 2009, the German Farmers' Association (DBV) said in a statement, due to a long winter and a rainy summer. "After cereals matured quickly in June and July due to the extreme dryness and high temperatures, the harvest fell victim to abun-

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Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery, THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just



Olgita, Ilhan and Iyanla enjoying a scrumptious meal
how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain - to die for - Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese.

Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the

pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in

the sauce. Not everybody can make that perfect peanut sauce, but Linda, being an expert in the kitchen has cooked up one of the finest peanut sauces on the island, making this original Indonesian dish extra special.

If you want a specially prepared pancake or pizza, Linda is right there -- just for you -- in her kitchen.

"For those who are allergic to gluten I have a special pancake mix, gluten free," Linda stated to THE MORNING NEWS team.

Linda's Pancakes and Pizza also offers fried eggs and homemade soups.

"We also serve American coffee," Linda concluded.

With a complete menu, filled with delicious pancakes, pizzas and more, Linda's pancake and Pizza place is the perfect casual restaurant for all in the family.

For more information contact Linda's at 586-3378.

Report: Lindsay Lohan wants the California courts to apologize

It looks like the battle between Lindsay Lohan and the legal system won't be over anytime soon. Lohan reportedly wants an apology from the Californian courts.

The Mean Girls actress is said to be "fuming" after medical assessments at the UCLA Medical Center -- where she is currently undergoing a 90-day stint as part of her sentence for breaching probation -- found she may have been misdiagnosed with attention deficit disorder (ADD) and is not suffering from bipolar disorder or addicted to drugs as was previously claimed.

Instead, medics believe it is possible her prescription for Adderall, which treats ADD, led to her erratic behavior, meaning the 24-year-old star feels her sentence was unfair. A source said: "Lindsay is fuming -- she is really upset that the courts put her through all this."

Although the insider says Lindsay's representatives are "exploring their options", it is not expected she will be able to gain legal action against the perceived damage to her public image.

Criminal Defence Attorney Steve Cron explained to Fox 411's Pop Tarts: "No judge or prosecutor could be sued under these circumstances, they have absolute immunity. Judge Revel formulated her opinion of Lindsay based on the information she had at the time from an-



other program.

"The judge could still be dissatisfied with the report from UCLA and seek independent opinions or insist Lindsay be enrolled in other programs."

Gossip website TMZ has claimed that doctors at Lindsay's treatment facility believe Judge Martha Revel -- who ordered the actress to spend 90 days in jail and 90 days in rehab for violating the terms of probation set for a 2007 driving under the influence conviction -- "overre-

acted" when she set the Georgia Rule star's sentence. Earlier this month, the judge voluntarily stepped down from the case and was replaced by Judge Elden Fox.

The 24-year-old actress was released from UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Hospital after serving just over three weeks of her court-ordered 90 days of in-patient treatment.

According to Radaronline.com, who first reported Lohan's release, the 24-year-old actress was escorted out of the facility's back door into a waiting limousine on Tuesday afternoon. She checked into the hospital on Aug. 2.

Singer Sheryl Crow Opens Breast Cancer Center

Sheryl Crow has been cancer-free for about four years now, and she's decided to give back. This week, the singer opened the Sheryl Crow Imaging Center in Los Angeles, a facility that will provide state-of-the-art digital screening and diagnostic technologies to detect breast cancer.

The new center is now part of the Pink Lotus Breast Center, which is completely devoted to diagnosing and treating cancer.

She said in a statement (via Usmagazine.com): "Joining forces with the Pink Lotus Breast Center has provided me with a wonderful platform to create awareness and encourage the millions of American women over 40 to get their annual mammogram.

"Detecting breast cancer early is a woman's best chance at survival, and digital full-field mammography is the gold standard of early detection."

It was a routine mammogram in 2006 that revealed that Crow was suffering from breast cancer, and she underwent surgery and radiation therapy to combat the disease. Props to this star for making breast cancer treatment her public campaign!



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Paris steps back to 30s for 3D Scorsese film



This picture shows part of the film set of "The Invention of Hugo Cabret", directed by Martin Scorsese, in Paris. The French capital recently had a major cinematic outing with the worldwide release of the partly Paris-set sci-fi blockbuster "Inception" and is now set for more celluloid exposure with 20 feature films being shot here this year

PARIS (AFP) - A dozen hefty security guards held back the crowd gathered on a Paris street Tuesday to glimpse US director Martin Scorsese jump into a limo at lunch break during the shoot of his latest film, a 3-D fantasy releasing late next year.

But the Oscar-winning 67-year-old, shooting in the City of Light for only the second time in 17 years, was too quick for the fans, skirting the crowd incognito on foot to be picked up a few hundred yards away by a luxury limousine.

"Keep moving, we're shooting," said harried security guards.

Also on hand but also shunning the paparazzi was British actor Ben Kingsley, who played in Scorsese's recent hit, "Shutter Island". Co-stars Jude Law, Asa Butterfield, Christopher Lee

and Sacha Baron Cohen had the day off.

Tuesday was the penultimate day of shooting in Paris for Scorsese's "Hugo Cabret", a tale based on a 2007 graphic novel by Brian Selznick about a boy who secretly lives in the walls of a 1930s Paris train station.

To restore the ambience of those times, a squad of carpenters, painters and sundry handymen were on hand early morning transforming the facade of the Athenee theatre in central Paris, where some of the action takes place, as well as the Opera-Louis Jouvet square the theatre stands on.

Artificial snow covered the ground and in place of its current shop fronts, the scenery wizards installed a 1930s hat-shop, watchmaker, haberdashery, pharmacy, as well as a news-stands stacked

with 1931 editions. With Paris almost empty as per usual every summer August of its couple of million inhabitants and their cars, local and international film crews have flocked into town inspired both by the city's beauty as well as new tax breaks.

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This summer alone saw three major US projects.

Before Scorsese hit town, Woody Allen began shooting his latest work, "Midnight in Paris", with French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy in her first major film role in the movie which is set in the 1920s.

And pop star Madonna spent three days here in August to shoot part of her film "W.E.", about Britain's King Edward VIII and the American divorcee Wallis Simpson for whom he abdicated in 1936.

Favourite spots for US shoots in Paris were picture-postcard Left Bank districts with Woody Allen favouring grocery-shops and eateries in the popular Latin Quarter, while Scorsese kicked off with scenes filmed inside the Sorbonne University in the same area.

Madonna helmed in historic up-market Saint-Germain-des-Pres.

US NBA stars romp past Greece



ATHENS (AFP) – Eric Gordon scored 18 points, Kevin Durant added 15 and Derrick Rose chipped in with 11 to spark the United States to a

87-59 romp over Greece Wednesday in an exhibition game ahead of the World Basketball Championships.

The Greek team was led

Bad snooze as sleepy Furyk disqualified from Barclays

PARAMUS, New Jersey (AFP) – US veteran golfer was disqualified from The Barclays on Wednesday for oversleeping and missing his pro-am tee time.

World number six Furyk, ranked third in the US play-off points system, was replaced by Australian Marc Leishman for a 7:30 morning tee time in the shotgun start event, participation in which is mandatory to play in the event.

"I'm beside myself, but I have a way of climbing into stupid situations," Furyk said.

"The rules are rules. No matter what tournament it was, I would be upset. But I'm more upset because it's this one."

Furyk's caddie, Mike "Fluff" Cowan, and PGA competition vice president



Slugger White both tried to call Furyk but his cellular telephone would not ring. Furyk said his phone, which he uses as an alarm clock, lost all power.

"The hotel had power ... but somehow my phone died," Furyk said. "I never

by Kostas Tsartsaris who scored 24 points and was the only double figure scorer for the hosts.

Greece took a 2-0 lead but the Americans rallied to take a 11-4 advance and never lost the lead from there.

The Americans led at half-time 42-32 and built up the lead to 68-44 after the third quarter when they outscored the Greeks 26-12 who were plagued with 25 turnovers in the contest watched by about 12,000 spectators at the Athens Indoor Olympic Stadium.

Both squads depart for Turkey on Thursday to participate in the world championships which open this weekend.

The Americans have not won the world crown since 1994 at Toronto, sending a non-NBA squad to Greece in 1998 due to a labor dispute and stumbling on home soil at Indianapolis in 2002 in the first losses by NBA talent on a global stage ahead of a bronze-medal showing at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Those humiliations led to a revamping of the US national team program ahead of the 2008 worlds in Japan, where the Americans lost to Greece in a semi-final and settled for third before reclaiming Olympic gold in 2008 at Beijing.

use a backup because I just figure if the phone is charged, I'm good to go."

Furyk raced to the course, skipping socks and belt in his haste to dress, but was only at the clubhouse when he needed to be at the 11th tee.

Only injury or family emergency are considered reasonable excuses for a pro-am miss to not disqualify a player from that week's event, so Furyk will not play Thursday with countryman Steve Stricker and South African Ernie Els.

Furyk could fall to 19th in the US PGA Tour play-off points system used to decide a champion but he already has enough points to likely secure a spot at the 30-man season-ending Tour Championship next month in Atlanta.

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YMCA S.N. announces kick off of their Youth basketball program

YMCA San Nicolas announces the start of their youth basketball program.

Youth basketball at present is for boys ages 10 through 18 years of age. The teams are formed confirming the Basketball Federation division classification. Youth Divisions are Mini-basketball (ages 10~12), Pasarela (ages 13~14), cadets (ages 15~16) and Juniors (ages 17~18 and not making 19 this year)

On August 28, 2010 10 am to 12 midday, there will be basketball games organized specifically to form the Cadets (15~16) and Juniors (17~19) teams. On the same day from 1 pm to 3 pm for Pasarela (13~14) players.

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Note: Every group will contain one team from each of the seeding pots, though no club can play a side from their own association

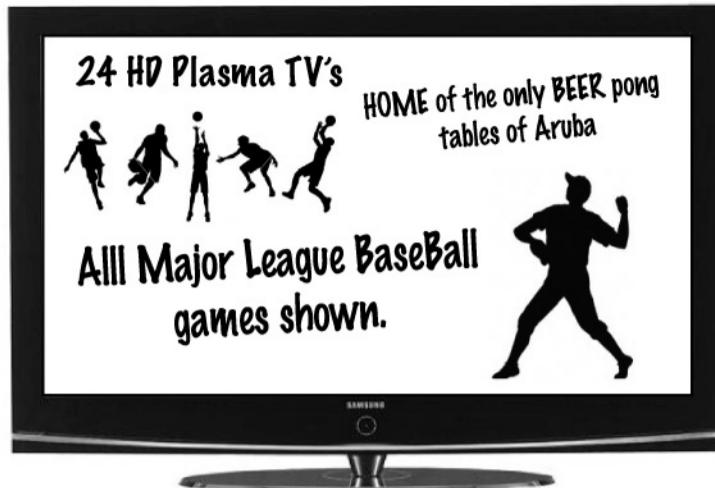


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Tiger admits errors, sadness in post-divorce interview

PARAMUS, New Jersey (AFP) – Tiger Woods admitted Wednesday that his own misdeeds and mistakes doomed his marriage and left him and ex-wife Elin sad as they now try to help their children cope with life after the split.

Two days after their divorce was finalized and a day before he tees off in the first US PGA playoff event, world number one Woods spoke about the divorce brought about by his multiple affairs in a scandal exposed last November.

"My actions certainly led us to this decision," Woods said. "I made a lot of errors in my life. That's something I'm going to have to live with."

Asked if he felt relief now that the divorce was complete, Woods said, "I don't think that's the word. I think it's more sadness."

Elin Nordegren, a 30-year-old Swedish former model who married Woods in October 2004 in Barbados, told People magazine that she felt she had been through "hell" and the extent of his cheating left her feeling "stupid" even as she has struggled with insomnia, weight loss and losing her hair.

Asked to react to her grief and the feeling like the divorce was a death, Woods



said, "I certainly understand she is sad and I feel the same way."

But the 14-time major golf champion, who is chasing the all-time record of 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus,

evaded the question when asked if he still loved Elin.

"I wish her the best in everything," he said. "It's a sad time in our lives. We're looking forward in our lives and how we can bring up our kids the best way we can. That's the most important thing."

Woods and Nordegren have a three-year-old daughter Sam and a 19-month-old son Charlie, who must now adjust to their parents living

apart.

"It's a sad time," Woods said. "As far as my game and practicing, that has been secondary. We're trying to get our kids used to our new living conditions. That has been our priority right now."

Woods has not won in nine events this year, the worst stretch of his fabled career. The 34-year-old American has gone 10 majors without a title, matching the longest drought of his career, and admits the scandal has taken a toll.

"It was a lot more difficult than I was letting on," Woods said. "Most of the summer was like that. You try to block it out but yes at times it was (very painful)."

Dealing with the wreck he had made of his personal life has proved difficult for Woods as he struggled to find the precision putting and accurate shotmaking that has made him the greatest player in golf for decades.

"That was always difficult, especially when I'm trying to find a few golf shots to work my way around the golf course," Woods said.

Asked if this was a lost year given his personal turmoil and inability to win a title, Woods noted that while there were a lot of bad things and he had brought much of it upon himself, there was light at the end of the tunnel.

"I learned a lot about myself and how to be a better person," he said. "There are a lot of positives."

Woods had been in danger of failing to reach the fourth US PGA playoffs, where he

is defending champion and has won both years where he was healthy enough to play.

But he made the 125-man field for The Barclays this week and hopes to finish in the top 50 to clinch a place in next week's second playoff event, the Deutsche Bank Championship.

"I came back. This is part of my job. It's what I do," Woods said. "Me coming back and playing golf had nothing to do with our decision to move our separate ways."

Woods has been working with swing coach Sean Foley the past few weeks and had some sessions last week at home in Orlando preparing for The Barclays.

"Obviously I will get my game in order, work on some things with Sean and hopefully play well the rest of the year. I have to play well to get to next week," Woods said.

"Winning takes care of everything."

Woods hopes to find the consistency that he has lacked in the past nine months since his secret sex life became public gossip and humiliation for him and his wife.

"This will be the fourth time I have changed my golf swing. It's an undertaking I have to wrap my head around," Woods said.

"I will try to put together some new swing thoughts. I'm going to have to put together all the things I've been working on and have it come together."

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The tournament is now also sponsored by Balashi Beer, AWA & Samuel Adams, Colombian Emeralds International, Aruba Aloe, Divi Links, and TopCar offering a car for the winner of a hole-in-one during the two-day tournament.

Registration will take place on Friday at the club house, with a shot gun start scheduled for 12:30 on Saturday.

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A great number of teams will participate hailing from 10 countries with the USA, St. Thomas, Holland, Aruba, Curaçao, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia and Argentina among them.

The international representatives of the Aruba Tourism Authority have been preparing for this world class

golf event by running "Copa Aruba," a local golf tournament in their respective countries.

The winners of those local tournaments are selected to play here at the Aruba International PRO-AM Golf Tournament, unfolding August 27th to 29th at Tierra del Sol.

The Aruba International Pro-Am tournament born as the Johnny Walker Tournament changed its name 9 years ago when the Aruba Tourism Authority took it over as an international event promoting Aruba as a golf destination.

